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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1624

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APPLICATION NO: 09/669,298

FILED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

FOR: HETEROCYCLIC SODIUM/PROTON EXCHANGE INHIBITORS AND METHOD

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AMENDMENT

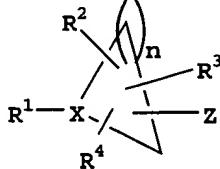
Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application to read as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 28, 64 and 69 to read as follows:

-- 1. (Twice Amended) A compound having the structure



wherein n is 4;

X is N;

Z is a 5- or 6-membered nitrogen-containing monocyclic heteroaryl group;

R¹ is heteroaryl,